

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Scots,
Fræe Maidenkirck to Johnny Groats,
If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rade ye lent it;
A chief's a'naing you takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prunt it—BURNS.

Local Events.

TERMS OF DAVIS SALE.—Ninety days on all sums over \$10. Bond and security. C. B. S.

TWINS were born to Mr and Mrs Elzar Sharp; a boy and a girl. They weighed ten pounds each.

MARRIED: On Stony Creek, Mr J. L. McNeil and Miss Martha F. VanRenner, by Rev W. A. Sharp.

Uriah Bird is building a large stable after the most approved pattern. It will be a valuable addition to his hotel property.

Rev W. A. Sharp started last week to the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, which meets at Falls Church, six miles from Washington.

If you are out of employment and willing to work for \$1.50 a day these flush times, it would seem that C. C. Crickard is the man you should consult. See advertisement.

SOME ONE has discovered that maple sugar waer, drunk in large quantities, is a valuable tonic for the liver in many cases. It has a laxative effect.

WE DON'T TALK WAR.—We can't make a cent by it—We talk shoes. We tell you just what our goods are and we fit you pocket as well as your foot. Yours, J. D. PULLIN & Co.

The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South is to meet in Hinton March 23. It is composed of 226 ministers and 32 lay representatives. This will be the first time this conference has met in this district since it met in Lewisburg in 1859.

You and your wife will both be interested in my latest arrival of clothing. You will both appreciate the tasteful colors, the strong weaves, the neat fit and style, and above all the price. Strictly all-wool dark steel gray suits, the kind you paid eight to ten dollars for, only \$5.85 at the Golden Store.

A VERY noticeable difference in the Northern and Southern newspapers is in speaking of colored persons. The Northern papers give them the appellation of Mr and Mrs with as much impartiality as they do white people, while Southern newspapers content them selves with calling them by their full names without the title.

LAST Wednesday, the heaviest snow of the winter fell. The trees on Black Mountain had been hanging with snow for some time and when this is the case more snow may be expected any time. The date of this snow was the second of March. We were informed by a man who had the date firmly fixed in his mind, that the second day of March, 1872, was an exact counterpart of its 25th anniversary.

SEVEN swans came to Hammonds, on William's River. At first they were supposed to be wild and three were shot. Four remain and are very tame. Whence they came is a mystery, for if of the wild species their behavior is most unusual; besides the swan in a wild state is almost extinct. The domesticated swan, if it flies at all, would scarcely come so far from any place where they are known to exist.

MR AARON MOORE is the owner of a fine and well worked sugar camp. He has manufactured sugar as long as he can remember, nearly sixty years, without missing a single season, not excepting the War. On the place is an old kettle which was used in the manufacture of sugar for 100 years. Another kettle has been in constant use for sixty years. It is agreed that walnut makes the most enduring troughs. In this camp is a trough made from a section of a tree cut to furnish shingles for the Marlinton Bridge. It has exposed to all all weathers for forty-two years and is still serviceable.

County Court.

Persons warned not to build fires in the open air within sixty yards of the Greenbrier Bridge. Street lamps were ordered to be kept burning in the bridge until ten o'clock at night.

Viewers appointed to locate a road beginning at D. C. Hill's mill and running to the turn pike near Jacob Shue's.

Persons warned to remove obstructions from the old Clover Lick road, running from Levi Gay's to Tom Aldridge's.

Court House ordered to be reinsured: \$20,000 for building; \$1500 for furniture.

Ben Doyle granted permission to celebrate the rites of matrimony.

R. K. Burnes allowed \$25 expenses expended in police duties.

W. L. Gay appointed road surveyor.

B. A. Gum and James Gibson, Jr., appointed viewers to make changes in road.

S. B. Hanna and C. A. Lightner qualified as executors of Allan Galford, dec'd.

W. H. Hull qualified as notary public.

John W. Sheets appointed road surveyor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Railroad could be Built on a Uniform Grade of Eight Feet to the Mile.

The result of the inspection of the Greenbrier River route was most satisfactory to those wishing to see a railroad built along the valley of the Greenbrier. As was reported in this paper last week, Captain Bartholemew and Mr Hays, two experienced engineers, and B. M. Yeager and Captain Smith of this place had a boat built and spent four days on the river. The result of the examination was that the distance was about from fifty to fifty-four miles and that a uniform grade of seven or eight feet to the mile could be had. The character of the hill-side on which the road would be built was most satisfactory. The roadbed could be easily made into it, and the soil is such that there will be no danger of slips, which is a question of great importance in building a road on siding ground.

The party spent one day on Spice Run. A railroad could be built up that run from the Greenbrier River side, but the land rises too suddenly from the waters of Anthony's Creek, and that route is now out of the question.

It will make it clear to the minds of many to state that a railroad could be built as cheaply from Marlinton to Ronceverte, per mile, as from Marlinton to Traveler's Repose. Comparing the cost of the route from Ronceverte to Marlinton, and from White Sulphur by way of Driscoll to Marlinton, the first route would be the longer by several miles. The cost of building would be less, owing to heavy grades, tunnels, bridges, and fills. But if the cost of construction was the same per mile on both routes, the saving in the cost of maintaining the road on the longer route would in a very few years pay for the additional expenditure. By this we mean the river route would be free from heavy grades. That the whole distance would be on a uniform grade of not exceeding 15 feet to the mile, and the hauling would of course be cheaper than upon a road where there are many up grades, in either direction, anywhere from fifty to eighty feet to the mile.

A railroad built along the west bank of the river which faces the morning sun, and where we see the first bare ground after a snowfall, would, it is said, have less filling and trestling to do than any road that has ever been built in these mountains. Almost the entire roadbed would be taken from a hill-side, and a wheel-barrow would not have to make a trip of more than ten feet to get rid of all the dirt of the excavation. We venture to say that there is more timber on this sunny eastern exposure along which the railroad would run than would be in sight of a road built over the backbones of Alleghany spurs.

All the traffic of both sides of the river would be accommodated. The result would be that from Marlinton down twenty times the amount of trade would come from the west side of the river than would come from the east, and yet the road would receive from the eastern side the same trade on either route. A road twenty-five miles long if built up the river from Ronceverte would be a paying property and would be operated. Ten thousand people live between Marlinton and Ronceverte, on a low estimate, in ten miles of the river on either side. At least nineteen out of twenty live on the west side of the river, and the proportion of the wealth and resources equally as great.

The hopes of our people for a railroad centre in Colonel McGraw, who has already done more for our county than any man who ever lived. He is a member of the Greenbrier Valley Construction Company, which is to build the road. The universal feeling of the people here, without taking into account their own interests, is the wish that he will realize on his investments in this county. We hear that he is now personally interesting himself to build the road, and with his known qualities as a hustler we may look for some developments soon. In our temporary disappointment over the failure of the road to be under contract, it does our heart good to see a certain gang working as hard for the White Sulphur, Driscoll, and Marlinton route as they were working against it a short time ago. The unbiased citizen of Pocahontas, familiar with this vast county, knows that there is but one real route for a railroad and that is up and down the river.

Obituary.

Little Maudie Bell, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Poage, died of bronchitis, March 3 1898, aged sixteen months and two days. Altho earth has lost one of its brightest flowers, we rejoice to know that Heaven has one more jewel. May her fond parents be comforted in this their sad bereavement by the words of our blessed Redeemer, who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." L. A. W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Twigs" from Dry Branch.

Sugar making is the order of the day now and is being rapidly pushed by Granvil Brady.

Clark Sharp and J. D. Moore are doing a job of logging for Mr Dakers.

Joseph Miller is getting out telephone poles for a new line from S. H. Wood's to Dr Cameron's and James Hebben's.

It is quite amusing to see our friend Cameron Beal stepping over his knees, simply because it's a boy.

Crummett is getting in advance of the times to some extent, He has his plowing finished and is ready to plant.

Our good old friend George Beale is quite busy this winter. He has done a large job of clearing on the farm owned by T. M. Moore, and is now ready to plant wishes for warm weather.

We understand that Mr W. H. Brady is making preparation to go to the Klondike gold fields in the near future. He has already purchased his Alaska outfit and says that he proposes to see whether the Yukon River is 20 miles wider 700 miles from its mouth or not.

We are glad to note the improvement that is now being made in this part of the community. Dick Swecker is erecting an electric light plant at Cave Spring on Dry Branch, near G. C. Beal's. This plant is to be manipulated by the energetic Eliot Ramsey and Charley Rhea.

Married, quite recently, Mr William A. Mace to Miss Anise Lindsay, both of this place. The happy couple went to Hebdon Town, and were there gayly surprised to meet a serenading party consisting of two very conspicuous characters namely, Alva Sharp and Everet Moore. Alva blew the horn while Everet listened. CODY BILL.

(Dry Branch Times.)

Weather is fine and people are making some sugar.

Mrs George Brady is suffering with a broken leg.

Mack Wood still waives his whiskers and sells the World's Wonders liniment.

Eliot Ramsey has lots of business on the Branch. He must be lecturing for matrimony. Let the good work go on.

W. H. McCloud, of Mingo, flew to Academy and returned last week. CURT SHORT.

Lobelia.

Miss Lucy Hill is very sick now but there is hope of her recovery.

T. A. Bruffey has finished his school on Bruffey's Creek.

Mrs Jacob McCarty spent two weeks visiting relatives on Bruffey's Creek.

The weather has improved, and there is a prospect of a splendid sugar season.

Samuel Kellison has made four hundred pounds of maple sugar. Can any one beat that?

Miss Margaret McCarty seems to inherit the talent of her great-grand father, John Bruffey, who was an artist of decided ability.

The Methodist Episcopal and the Missionary Baptist churches have been creating a revival of religious sentiment for some time. May the good work go on.

Mrs Elizabeth Hill has recovered from her recent illness. She was much cheered by a visit from her sister, Mrs Henry Boggs, of Frankford.

We regret to hear of the death of Miss Willard. AVIS.

Monterey, Virginia.

Editor of The Times.—Having failed to see any "Highland items" in your paper, it is regarded that a brief communication will not be out of order.

County Court convened in regular session last Thursday, with Judge Lyman Chalkley in the chair. Very little business was done, all cases being continued until next term.

James A. Wagoner, who resides on upper Straight Creek, four miles northeast of town, had his residence burned on Saturday evening. The origin of the fire was from a defective flue. Loss \$400; no insurance.

David Colaw, of Crabbottom, was arraigned yesterday before Justice Andrew Newman for illegally disbursing cider. There were two cases against Colaw, and he was fined \$5 in one and \$25 in the other, including the costs, making a total of more than \$100. Highland has a most stringent law against selling cider of any sort or in any quantity. Colaw, it is understood, has appealed to the county court.

The plans, drawings and specifications furnished by Mr W B Marshall, of Franklin, West Virginia, have been accepted by the building committee of the M. E. Church South, of Monterey, and the advertisement calling for bids has been published. All bids are to be in by 12 M., March 15, and the building is to be completed by the first

of October. The building is to be modern in every detail. It will consist of an Auditorium, a Sunday school room and a vestibule, and will seat 400 people. The two rooms are to be separated by sliding doors, and handsomely frescoed. The approximate cost of the church complete will be about \$2,500.

Green Bank.

The schools will all soon be out. Cold nights and plenty of mud in daytime.

Miss Bessie Dyard, of Driftwood, is visiting her sister, Mrs R. L. Brown at Arboreale.

William Woodall has finished the tailor trade and is now learning to make maple sugar.

Conner Hudson, who received a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago is slowly recovering.

Rev Eavey preached an excellent sermon at Green Bank Sunday morning, and Mr Clutterback in the afternoon at Liberty.

Miss Bertie Beard closed a very successful term at Bruffey on the 18th. That is one of the largest schools in the county and has the best average attendance. There should be two teachers, there being 43 pupils.

Died, February 21st at 9 A. M., at the home of her son, Rev C. C. Arbogast, Mrs Clarissa Arbogast, aged 78 years. "Aunt Clarissa" as she was called by everyone, was a noble woman, and her loss will be felt by every one. CAD.

W. B. King is teaching a splendid school. Mr King talks little, but we think his greatest attraction is in lower Marlinton.

Miss Rella Clark, who taught a fine school at the Kerr School-house, has gone home.

Miss Annie King will have an exhibition when her school closes. Oak Grove has a splendid literary society in progress.

Rev Charles Fitzgerald is awakening the community in an evangelistic capacity. BEN.

Buckeye.

Mrs Cathrine Kellison is very ill at this writing.

James Warwick closed his school last Saturday.

Fred Wade, of Academy, brought his girl home on a white mule.

We suppose that Colbert Duncan is not afraid to travel after night.

T. M. Aldridge is building a new barn.

Misses Lilah Kellison and Laura Overholt made a flying trip to Stamping Creek.

Dr F. T. McClintic has been around to see the sick.

Several of the boys are at home from the lumber camp.

Asbury Adkison was badly hurt by a limb falling on his head, while chopping down a tree. He is recovering now. CAESAR.

Knapp's Creek.

Sugar making and debating societies are in full blast.

C. W. Rider is off to the railroad for a load of dry goods and postage stamps.

The Levels News.

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Market, Mar 11, 1898.

- Eggs 10c per dozen.
- Butter 16c per pound.
- Lard 7c per lb.
- Irish Potatoes 65c per bushel.
- Corn 60c per bushel.
- Wheat 90c per bushel.
- Oats 40c per bushel.
- Beans, navy, \$1.00 per bu.
- Beeswax 25c. Bacon—Hams, 9c; Sides, 8c; Shoulders, 7c. Tallow, 6c per lb.

—At PAYNE BROS.

- Latest styles Straw Hatting at Payne Bros.
- High Arm Singer Sewing Machines guaranteed ten years, and only \$18 each.
- Wagon Tire at Payne Bros. Buy your Steel, Harrow Teeth, Best Flaked Hominy, Cucumber Pickles, Hardwood Beds, Safes, etc at Payne Bros.
- Send your orders for freight or express packages that you may want brought from Ronceverte, as Payne Bros have a team leave Hill-boro every Tuesday evening, and arriving Friday or Saturday of the same week.
- Best Grades of Roller Flour at J. H. DOYLE, Huntersville, W. V. G. L. HANNAH, Yelk, W. Va. At BARLOW & MOORE'S, Edray, W. Va., J. H. OUBRY, Green Bank, W. Va. L. L. NOTTINGHAM'S, Dunmore

- Salt only \$2 00 per sack.
- Fencing Wire and Staples at Payne's.
- E. H. Moore spent a few days at home.
- Mrs Dr McClintic and children were on a visit to Clover Lick.
- Fresh Lake Herring fish just received at Payne's.
- There is much sickness in the neighborhood.
- Pure Sugar Syrup only 40c per gallon at Payne Bros.
- Hardwood Bedsteads at Payne Bros. Mattresses, Wash Stands, Chairs, Etc.
- Send Payne Bros. your order for Sash, Doors, Blinds, and building material. You can save money.
- Closing out at cost Ladies Capes, Mens and Boys Overcoats, and Men's Suits. Call on Payne and see for yourself.
- Canned vegetables and fruits just received at Paynes, Dried Appricots, Peaches, and Prunes just received and sold very cheap.
- Don't fail to buy your Clover and Timothy Seed from Payne Bros. They have the cleanest and best. Also Flax Seed for sale.
- Mrs M. J. McNeil, Mrs J. D. and S. J. Payne, M. Peyton and J. W. Burgess are among the sick. Also Mrs James R. Perkins, on the river, has been seriously ill for some days. We are glad to see Dr J. A. Laine able to be out again.

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that lights the way to
Good Health
is a bottle of the greatest of all blood purifiers—

Johnston's Sarsaparilla
QUART BOTTLES.

This great blood purifier and nerve tonic, cures diseases by removing from the system, the conditions which produce them. It expels all poison and impurity from the blood. It acts upon the nerves as a stimulant, particularly upon those nerves belonging to the great organs of the body; therefore, it causes the heart to beat with greater force, the lungs to take in more oxygen and to expel more carbonic acid; it induces the kidneys to send off more of the poisonous excretions from the blood; the bowels to have more regularity and healthfulness in their action; the sweat glands to throw out more impurities.

Our illustrated book of 36 pages will tell you what is the matter and what to do. Be free for the asking. Grant Bulletin, W. Va.

WILLIAMS, DAVIS, BROOKS & CO., Detroit, Mich.

Take Liverettes for Sick Headache and Bilelessness. 25c.

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To Cash Buyers

We will until APRIL 1st, 1898, sell our entire stock of goods at from 5 to 10 per cent. above cost, strictly for cash. Produce will be taken, but will charge more for goods.

Below will quote you prices on a few articles:

Arbuckle Coffee	12c
Good Green Coffee	10c
Best Green Coffee	14c
Granulated Sugar	7c
Best Coffee	5 to 6
Qinghap	5 to 8
2400 Matches	15c
Mens' Suits from \$4 to \$8	

Have a few Overcoats which we will sell low. We will save you from 25 to 50 per cent on all goods. Come and see before buying elsewhere, and see if we don't mean just what we say.

Yours to save you Money,

B. f. McElwee,
Dunmore, W. Va.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me by note or acc. will find their claims in the hands of Mr Sam Sheets for collection.

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We do not mean to assassinate you, as Wilkes Boothe did Abraham Lincoln, but warn you of the truth that you are daily assassinating your Pocket Book by not giving us your trade. Our stock is fresh, and constant increase of Business show that Prices are Better than elsewhere.

Constant sales allow no shop-worn goods to remain on our selves, and MONEY with ORDER enables us to obtain BARGAINS which we gladly share with our customers. This means no fraud or deception. Our figures are plain and bold, and you don't have to guess or ask. You can't tell what the bottom price of an article is until you see it HERE. Every day in the year is a bargain day with us.

Our stock is worth INVESTIGATION, and all are invited to call and be convinced that as to Quality of Stock and Lowness of Prices we are surpassed by none. We want your trade and friendship.

We will take Beeswax and Fur. Our nine-years' experience as buyer and shipper enables us to pay highest prices. For quality of stock, lowness of price, and prompt business, we are respectfully yours,

L. D. Sharp.

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Can be obtained near the school at \$1.75 per week, and students will be made (by the hospitality of our people) to feel perfectly at home. Parents can send their sons and daughters to this school with the assurance that they will be comfortably situated while here, and that we will look carefully after their interests.

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